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ISRAEL-LEBANON: Israelis Prepare for Winter Stay

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Defense Minister Sharon and Chief of Staff Eitan visited the Shuf area of Lebanon last week. [redacted]

[redacted] and they informed a number of mayors and civic leaders that Israeli forces would be spending the winter in their area. [redacted]

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[redacted] a command post at Kafr Mishki, from which an armored division recently withdrew, would be turned over to the Phalange for safekeeping. [redacted]

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Comment: As the new facilities are completed, the number of Israeli troops in the area probably will be reduced and Israel's Lebanese allies will be asked to provide additional security forces. [redacted]

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CHINA-US: Interest in Antitank Missile

An official of China's primary arms import-export firm has informed the US Embassy that China is interested in purchasing and coproducing the latest generation of TOW wire-guided antitank missile and asked the Embassy to relay an invitation to the US manufacturer for discussions in Beijing. The official said the decision had been delayed for a month while China "watched the actions of the US."

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Comment: Approval to begin the talks almost certainly came from the highest levels in Beijing and indicates that China--following the Sino-US communique in mid-August--has decided to resume probing US willingness to transfer advanced military technology. The newest TOW antitank missile could be particularly effective against the heavily armored T-72 tanks being deployed for the first time with Soviet forces along China's northern border.

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